Electrification of railway track

837. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of target fixed for electrification of railway track during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the likely achievement of these targets during Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 3400 route kolo-metres.

(b) 3150 route kilometres are expected to be energised in the Seventh Plan due to reduced Plan allocations.

Helicopter services to important cities of Uttar Pradesh

838. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce helicopter services to important cities of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when these services are likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Vacant posts in Northern, Western and North-Eastern Zones of Railways

839. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts lying vacant in Northern, Western & North-Eastern Zones of Railways, category-wise, as on December 31st, 1988; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Condition of national highways in U.P. and Bihar

840. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of national highways in Uttai Pradesh and Bihar is satisfactory;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; if so, what are the details, thereof; and

(c) what action Government intend to take in the light of findings of this study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Highways in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are generally in traffic worthy condition except a few short stretches in North Bihar which were severely damaged due to unprecedented rains/floods in the year 1987. Restoration works on these stretches are in progress.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Departments/Centres of Studies and Faculties in Aligarh Muslim University

841. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Departments/Centres of studies and